

**Remarks**

Claims 1-10 were pending. Due to the restriction requirement, claims 8-10 are cancelled without prejudice to prosecution in a future application. Therefore, claims 1-7 are now pending.

Claim 1 is amended to clarify the claim. Support for this amendment can be found throughout the specification, for example paragraphs 0009, 0010, and 0014.

No new matter is introduced by this amendment, and no amendments are made to distinguish prior art.

Applicants elect Group 1 (claims 1-7), drawn to a method for producing chitosan.


If there are any questions regarding this amendment, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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